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Town of Eastham

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Eastham, Massachusetts

Vol. 1 No. 4 **Mar. 2, 1944.**

Dear Serviceman:

Greetings again from the sand dunes of home.

All during January spring kept peeking around the corner, but the woodchuck was right, for the first part of February Old Man Winter gave Spring a punch in the snoot and it has just got its courage the past week to start peeking again. On the 11th we had a good snow storm but the plows were able to keep the roads clear. The frost was about all out of the ground again when March came in like a Lion - windy and cold. We must have more moisture for Baker's Pond is dry.

Weather permitting, the farmers are busy getting the turnips and carrots out of the pits for market. Carrots are selling for $1.25 per bushel. Everyone expected a good price for turnips but the returns at this time are a little discouraging; clearing from 22¢ to 80¢ a bushel.

As most of you remember, when the good tides came about Town Meeting everyone flocked to the shore to pick up the quohaugs the ice scratched out, and what loads some would bring in on their aching backs - especially the amateurs. This year there were few to go and few quohaugs to be found. Last week the mouth of Nauset Inlet opened up and they had the best low tides for four years. The clam diggers had a picnic and profitable harvest as they received from $2.75 to $3.00 per bushel for them, which is a Godsend these lean months.

In January Janet Fulcher, who is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Obed Fulcher, married a soldier stationed at Camp Wellfleet.

With improving weather there is plenty of activity at Camp Wellfleet. When they have night firing it is more interesting than the fireworks we all used to rush up to Orleans Beach to see on the night of the 4th. The Rev. Forred of the Methodist Church holds services there every Sunday evening.

The following boys were seen home the past month and looking like fighting cocks: Herb. Moore, Lloyd Mayo, George King, and Ray LaFleur. Young Tony Escobar goes this week. Latest overseas addresses are for Vernon Nickerson and Elmer Lloyd. From latest reports Bob Scrivens, Red Lee, Charlie Atwood, and Eddie Clark are real tea sippers now. The Nickerson boys, Arthur and George, have been stung by the love bug. Understand it is to be Mayflowers for Arthur. Bob Hayes is in the Air Corps.

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Cavalier Robbins died suddenly last week.

Impressive candle light lenten services were held two weeks ago in the Orleans Methodist Church. The speaker of the evening was th· Coast Guard Chaplain. His assistant played the organ and four Bouncing Waves were ushers. Whoo hoo! The interior of the church had just been redecorated.

The Methodist Church here has also had its ceiling washed and the walls painted.

The E. V. F. A. is holding a Whist Party at the Town Hall on the 14th, for the benefit of the Red Cross.

The hunting season ended last month when restrictions came into effect on rabbits. Russell Wiley and some of the other boys have a little heavier growth of fuzz on their faces and walk with an extra hop due to the rabbit diet.

Merchant "Al." Stowell and wife are on a trip to the west coast of Mexico.

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Several had grass fires get away from them: They kept Fire Warden Nate Nickerson and his Deputy, Al Stowell, on the jump.

A trial black-out held on the 26th was considered a success.

The thoughts and influence of spring were too much for Bob Scrivens, now in England. Some way he got his thoughts to New York and we understand she said - Yes!

The Monomauset Teacher's Club had its Annual Meeting and supper at the School House on the 29th. Mr. Foster Taylor of Orleans showed his colored slides of flowers, scenery etc. Horace Moore certainly is kept busy and that increase surely was not too large.

The Veteran's Rehabilitation Committee appointed by the Selectmen is as follows: Harry S. Young as Chairman, Ralph Chase, Yngve Rongner, Leslie E. Chase and Alfred O. Stowell. These are your friends ready to help you in the future.

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Somewhere in France
Wednesday, Aug. 30, 1944

Dear Maurice,

Have just recently received a most interesting copy of the "News Letter", the first I've had since being in France. This letter by the way, is probably the first you have ever received which has been written on Captured German Stationary, I dare say.

On my many visits to Nauset Beach and the spot where the French Cable comes ashore in years past, little did I imagine that I would ever be at the other end of that cable and close to the shores of its terminus here in Europe, to say nothing of ever expecting to pass through the town of E Eastham, England, as I remenber the day Ralph Chase showed me a letter received from the town Fathers of Eastham, England.

France to me is indeed a strnage country while its people are all the more difficult to understand, (not meaning their difference in language). When we first landed on these shores, with scarcely enough room under our control to find a place to park our large equipment upon, we were obviously not wanted, and in fact were treated in a most hostile manner by the peasant inhabitants of that section of France. We were glared at, our boys directing traffic at country road intersections after night-fall were often fired upon by young French women and several of our boys were killed by these snipers during those first hectic weeks of being on this continent.

Roads, fields and hedges were heavily mined while all sorts of booby traps were attached to the most innocent looking objects, yet never was there

a warning or a helping hand given us by these country peasants of that sector. Our heavy artillery nestled in hiding about the many hill-sides pounded enemy positions constantly day and night, hour after hour while the infantry had to fight desperately to gain byt a little ground each day.

Finally after the enemy was pushed from its well fortified positions from the hilly country, they started to use towns and small ditches to fortify themselves in. In one instance they even used the tall steeple of a stone church in which they hoisted a field piech of artillery into the bellfyy and pumped shells with a birds eye view.

For this reason, quite a number of French towns had to be leveled flat by our artillary, tanks, and bombing planes, but after a few towns had been completely erased to nothing more than a pile of rubble, twisted steel cement and bricks our armored equipment got a foot-hold onto some level country.

From there on the going was good, the German occupational army sped with all haste along these miles of open country, passing through towns and not stoping.

These latter towns therefore were not damaged at all, while the inhabitants did'nt even move out as the two mechanized armies roared through the main streets at high speed.

With this sudden burst of progress there was an equally sudden change in the French people , or possibly it may have been due to getting in to a different sector of France, where people were of higher intellect in general.

At any rate the main streets and along the highways on either side

of the thoroughfares, were thousands of divilians, dressed in their Sunday best. They cheered us, the girls threw bushels of flowers in to the cabs of our trucks, onto tanks, artillary pieces and into everything that rolled past them, they gestured, throwing kisses to us, ran out into the street and grasped our hands as we had to make traffid stops through towns.

The men held up a glass and pitcher full of (Cedar) they call it, hard cidar in our language. Whereever we put up for a few days, just about all the girls within a five mile radius would walk to our area or camping spot, bring along plenty of fresh eggs, which they were well paid in return for, by receiving an ample amount of precious American Cigarettes, bon-bons and chewing gum.

This great difference in attitude toward us has certainly kept me doing a lot of figuring, while some would argue that it was due to our not having to destroy these inland towns and homes along our pursuit route of the enemy. Some of the mystry is now cleared up since a few days ago when a well educated school teacher of seventy came to visit us. She could speak English fairly well, and said that these people have been treating th German occupational army very well, while many of the officers had rooms in their homes as sleeping quarters, and sometimes as offiees from which to direct their military affaires.

Saying that when the Germans moved out they merely smiled and welcomed us in with the same hospitality, adding this time the French flag over their doorway.

The fast moving mechanized heavier fighting equipment of the U. S.

forces moves along fast, shooting up and pounding to pieces only what enemy opposition gets in its way, then the infantry troops follow and surround any pockets of foot troops or light equipment outfits which havefailed to move along ahead, often times these groups send along a note by a French citizen asking to be taken as prisoners. Lately however, the picture has again changed, and we find with pleasure, that the F.F.I.(''Free French of the Interior'')has become well and helpfully organized throughout this part of France. These divilian dressed boys seem to range in age from eighteen to thirty, they wear an arm identification upon their coat sleeve, patrol the streets of towns and ditches watching for snipers or other delaying personell of the German Army.

Then three to a car, usually a sedan with all glass and doors removed, they tour the side roads, rifles ready, in quest of enemy elements. I have even seen a girl of about twenty, armed to the teeth, with rifle and hand grenades, doing patrol duty in one town, part of the F.F.I. militery organization.

The true key to the Allied successes here in France, I believe, is directly accountable to our efficient and powerful Air Force, the measure of its effectiveness can only really be appreciated, after one has witnessed the fierceness of its blows, upon seemingly unbreakable strong hold, which the Germans have had the leisurely time of nearly four years in which to build. There have been certain plaves of inportance shere it is said enemy fortifications are dug in to the depth of thirty feet underground with reinforced concrete used in construction,

to a thickness of six feet. Bomb proof beyond a doubt but not so long ago a message sent to the commander of one of these undestructable positions it is said, that it explained there was a way of getting them out, that one sample would be sent, then if there were a refusal to surrender the job would start.

A single plane droped lighter fluid so it is said, and the place was turned over to the Allies. On the other hand there are a few enemy strong holds that are still uselessly holding out, after days and nights of heavy and accurate long range rifle pounding, by guns of such great weight and size, thatthey have to be transported in two seperate pieces, and are furnished over the road pulling power, by specially designed tractors of great size, called "Prime movers."

Bit by bit such stubbornly held positions are eventually pounded to dust, the super men included, so it sounds pretty absurd to think any intelligent commanders could wisth to finish their lives and that of their men in such a manner ? but yet some seemingly prefer it that way.

The German Air Force has ventured out only at night thus far, it did at one time show its self quite frequently in small munbers, but has steadily gotten weaker around where I've happened to have been, until now for quite some time there is seldom an emeny plane heard.

Don't get the wrong impression though,their planes are large, exceedingly well built, from a first hand inspection I chance to have on the scattered remains of one, I witnessed being fired upon, enveloped in flaming gasoline, and plunging to earth one night.

They are well equiped with plenty of heavey firing power, and powered

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with the most powerful engines they will stand , judging from the two twelve cylinder huge power plants, I saw, turning three bladed propellers.

There is but one pleasant feature I can think of as I remember awhile back, of narrowly missing being machine gunned by a straffing German Plane one night, that is, the sound of their motors has a distinctly different sound cycle, from that of any of our own several types of planes used here.

Well Maurice, I guess this should keep you and your wife busy reading some time some quiet evening so I'll end this up before it becomes neccessary to read it by installments. It was pleasant hearing from you awhile back and the ''News Letter'' are surely full of interesting news from the old home town.

With my sincere best wishes to you and yours, and my other friends back home.

As Ever,

Frank

Pfc. Frank A Fuller

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Vol. 1 No. 10 Eastham, Massachusetts Sept. 5, 1944.

Dear Serviceman:

The summer has departed, and the convoys of visitors have left the Cape. The Labor Day week-end was great for the final wind-up after a whole summer of ideal vacation weather.

It has been a great season for the students of anatomy, and several of the elderly men have had their glasses changed; don't know whether they didn't believe their eyes or just strained them.

No rain yet. Had two very light showers in August, so if we do not have rain within a week it looks as if the Turnip crop will be a complete failure.

The Beach Plum crop, the best in years, is bringing from $2.50 to $3.00 per bushel to the pickers. Everyone is making a good supply of jelly, and it gives the children and summer visitors a chance to make money also.

Charles Allen Gorham (Alphabetical) Hopkins died last month. One hot day he was hoeing turnips for Ray Brackett and at noon time he didn't show up so he was found unconcious in the field. It is old stand-by's like him that are missed.

David Johnson joined the Navy in July. Robert Fulcher went in the August quota. The following boys were home: Robert Deschamps, S 2/c from New York, Pvt. Win Schofield from Pennsylvania, Pvt. Tony Escobar from North Carolina, and Pvt. Jay Schofield from Virginia. George Nickerson M M 1/c is in charge of the new "duck" at Nauset Station. Robert Collins F 1/c is in the South Pacific. Herb Fulcher has an A.P.O. New York. W.O. James Brown who has been in charge of the Coast Guard Stations in Eastham and Orleans has been transferred to the U.S.S. Pequot, a cable boat, whose home base is Boston. M/Sgt Joe King is in France.

More property is being sold. Brackett's old store has been bought by people who have moved in. Understand they are in the Artificial Flower business.

Winnie Walker and a Coast Guardsman, who was stationed at Nauset, expect to be married this month.

The Town Hall and School House have received a new coat of paint.

The Methodist Ladies had a food sale, and the Universalist Ladies served a fine supper this past month. Both were well patronized.

At the Annual Meeting of the Eastham Volunteer Firemen's Association on August 7th the following were elected: Maurice A. Moore as President, Carl H. Handel as Vice-president, Harold L. Arnold as Secretary, Alfred O. Stowell as Treasurer, Nathan A. Nickerson as Fire Chief with Horace C. Moore and Alfred O. Stowell as Deputies. Andrew C. Merrill was elected Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, Harold L. Arnold and Horace C. Moore as Social Committee, Philip J. Schwind as Chairman of the Public Relations Committee, George Howard as Chairman of the Membership Committee with Carl H. Handel as co-member. The officers constitute the Rules and Regulations Committee.

The children of the town are raring to go back to school again - Oh, Yeah!

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Vol. 1 No. 11 Eastham, Massachusetts Oct. 5, 1944.

Dear Serviceman:

The children are back at school with Mr. Otto Nickerson as principal, Mrs. Vesta Gould teacher of the first three grades, and Mrs. Skinner of South Chatham taking Mrs. Virginia Horton's place this year. Clara Fulcher is in charge of the school lunch.

Bill Forrest and Nate Clark are scurrying up and down the highways with their school busses each morning and afternoon, but there are only forty-five children rattling around in our nice school building. Hurry up boys and girls and get back as our child population is slipping!

We finally got enough rain to make the grass green again. It gave the turnips a new lease on life, but they have a struggle to mature before cold weather. Those who expect some are busy carting thatch.

We had a touch of one of those things called a hurricane, but this was a very lucky town, as outside of a few trees, shingles, and the light and telephone wires down for a few days, we would hardly know that there had been a hard storm. However, there were a few old barns that fell apart. Some of them were: Abeleno Doane's, Lawton's, Phebe Doane's, Sibley's and George Clark's, with Joe Dill's on a cant. The radio kept everyone informed of the course and approach of the storm which reached here around ten and kept increasing in force till just after midnight. The State Guard was on duty at the Orleans High School as well as Civilian Defense, with the Coast Guard on the alert for a call if needed.

Stage Harbor at Chatham was such a wreck, with its bridge washed out, boat house and boats in the road and fields, that it was put under martial law. The State Guard from Orleans was on duty five nights from 8 P.M. to 8 A.M.

The State Guard companies of the Cape held a bivouac at the Brewster CCC Camp from Friday night until Sunday eve last week.

Winnie Walker surely made a pretty bride when she married a young Coast Guardsman in a beautiful ceremony at the Federated Church in Orleans Sunday.

The house next to Brackett's Store was sold the past week to parties from New York who have moved in.

Doctor and Leona (Gunn) MacBride have a bouncing baby boy, and Charlotte (Gunn) Walker has gone to California to be near

her husband.

Pvt. and Mrs. Henry Nickerson are the proud parents of another son.

September was a nice month outside the blow, but since October came in it has been a little cooler with two frosts.

Cranberries are very scarce because the late spring frost, the dry summer, and other pests were too much for them, and as a result the retail price is 40¢ per lb.

Caroline Moore and Ruth Schofield have gone to Boston where they are working.

Howard Brewer S 1/c is in the Armed Guard on the S.S. Walter E. Ranger where he is the Signalman. Lt. Fenton Sparrow was home from Alabama. Pvt. Carlton Mavo has finished his basic and has returned to Fort Meade after a ten day furlough. Capt. "Buddie" Campbell of the S.S. Caldwalder was in town for a couple of days. B. C. Collins Jr. C/M 1/c and wife have returned to California after a short furlough.

Most all of the summer visitors have gone back, however, a few get down on week ends.

Your reporter had a very interesting letter from Pvt. 1/c Frank Fuller from somewhere in France.

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Vol. 1 No. 12 Nov. 8, 1944.

Dear Serviceman:

October with its Goblins, Witches and Harvest Moon has passed on. A Halloween Party sponsored by the Rotary Club of Orleans was held at the High School for the children of Eastham, Orleans and Brewster on the 30th. The next night the Sunday School had a Halloween Party which was well attended.

The past month has been another one of nice weather, with some cool days, one good north-east storm, and some very warm days. The Hurricane killed all the leaves on the trees, so due to the warm spell we have the lilacs, apple trees, and several other bushes that bloom early in the spring with flowers on them now. Don't know what will happen when spring arrives.

The duck season opened with perfect duck weather, and the guess is that most of the tame ones have been shot by this time. The quail and pheasant hunters are in force on the week-ends. There has been quite a flock of pheasants hanging around Harry Collins's farm.

The Turnip Crop did come to life owing to the rain we have had. Some growers have been pulling the largest and shipping them as the price has been very good for the first sold for $3.00 per 50 lbs., but has slipped to $1.50 now. Most every one will start to pit them next week.

Like the Old Gray Mare; the Cape "Ain't what she used to be" for the night mail was cut out last month. The last mail comes in at 5:30 P.M. and some of the old-timers would roll over in their graves with such "doins!" To wait for the night mail was one of the highlights for natives and summer visitors alike, but it had been changing with the times. When the Post Office was at Obed Horton's Store there was something doing to keep one in good spirits and entertained---like the night someone put an inner tube into the stove to smoke Obed out, but nearly burned him out instead.

Scallops are absent in these parts, but from Chatham to Falmouth they had a fair season. Wellfleet who has had a gold mine from them the last few years hasn't any this year, however, they have opened their bay to quohog dragging.

Mrs. Gladyce Benner and Dorothea have moved into their recently purchased home on Massasoit Road where Dick Lee lived at one time.

Our enterprising and prosperous merchant, Al Stowell, took

his annual trip to New York at World Series time, and also took in "Oklahoma" from a ring-side seat.

Phyllis Brackett has given up her job in Boston and gone to Miami to seek her fortune. (Hope she finds a good looking one!)

The people in the Old Brackett Store are doing business under the name of Cape Cod Floral Supply Co.

The people who bought the Cole Place on Bridge Road have moved all their equipment from New Jersey and opened a factory in the barn. They have already begun making shipments of their products which are parts for Radio and Radar.

Privates Carlton Mayo and Jay Schofield now have New York A.P.O.s Jay's wife and children have gone to Vermont for the duration. Pvt. Charles Escobar from Boston, Midshipman William Watson from North Carolina, Wendell Hopkins U.S.N. from Boston, David Johnson U.S.N. from New York, and Lt. Fenton Sparrow were all home the past month.

When you see Orleans Beach you will not recognise the place. The hurricane took the Park Commissioner's Building and some of the beach, and the last north-east storm took the bath houses and buried the hot dog stand, with the beach where the parking space was.

The election is over and we will have to do without Dewey for the next four years, also wet goods purchased locally as the old town is still dry.

The Coast Guard Temporary Reserve has been disbanded.

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Vol. 2 No. 1 Eastham, Massachusetts Dec. 10, 1944.

Dear Serviceman:

This "News Letter" is starting on its second year. Hope it has been of some interest and will continue to be.

November was a month of wind and storms. We surely could have used some of the rain last summer. There were howling No. Easters, So. Easters and So. Westers. Orleans Beach is still evaporating, and Provincetown was hard hit also. "Bud" Cummings missed his flounder dragger that he was using in the Cove after one heavy blow, but found it sunk at the mooring. He has it afloat and in use again.

It has been busy times at Bonnell's Boat Yard at Rock Harbor with nearly all the boats hauled up. Clamming at Billingsgate is called off for the winter.

The farmers have the turnips all tucked in the pits for the winter, with Ray Brackett finishing last night. Most everyone has from one-third to one-half a crop, and the wholesale price is still around $2.00 per bushel--50 lbs. The quality is very good.

The Ladies of the Universalist Society have had their Christmas Sale, and the Methodists are to have theirs next week.

There has been formed a committee known as the Eastham Civic Center. It is hoped that all residents of the town will take interest in this project as it is to be educational with entertainment for the young folk of the town from the eighth grade up. Young folk from all the surrounding towns are cordially invited to the meetings held every Saturday night from eight to eleven.

The Town Hall is having a new ceiling in the basement.

The following boys have been home: Richard Nickerson P.M. 1/c from California, Cpl. Lloyd Mayo from Fort Knox, Ky., Wendell Hopkins S 1/c from the Great Lakes, A/C Walter Eldredge from Alabama, and Pvt. Win Schofield from Pennsylvania.

Allen Ryder and Anna Nickerson were married the past month. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur (String) Nickerson of Orleans.

Mary Escobar is sporting a sparkler on the proper finger. Her heart is in the South Pacific.

The stumps of the trees that fell during the hurricane have

been removed from the roadsides.

Christine Rich and son Philip are in California.

Were a little ahead on the Coast Guard Flotilla as they had their mustering out last Friday night. The State Guard may be due for theirs soon.

Gilbert Sherman of Orleans has given up going to sea and is now working for Harry Snow.

Deer Week closed last night after opening with a bang -- in fact several bangs. Bill Hayes got a doe and was the only one around here who did. The first part of the week the gunners were thick, but nothing like old times. Mr. Forred, the minister, got a good sized doe in South Orleans, and Judah Eldredge of Orleans got his usual deer.

Mr. Albion F. Rich is displaying a Jap rifle which was sent home by Buddie.

On Monday evening, Dec. 4th, Lawyer Tibbetts met with the Eastham Volunteer Firemen's Association and initial steps were taken towards the incorporation of this association which will enable the passing of the deed to the old schoolhouses.

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Vol. 2 No.2 Eastham, Massachusetts Jan. 10, 1945.

Dear Serviceman:

We send, a little belated, the Seasons Greetings. Hope by next season they will realy mean something and not sound so hollow.

The weather has not been bad, for winter for the town snow plow has only been out once, and two other rain storms washed the snow away. The ponds are begirning to fill up after the unusual low of last summer. The ponds have frozen over but are not very safe, with only the upper part of the Cove being frozen. Kids were out skating on Lillie Baker's Pond.

The Reverend Forred of the Methodist Church gave a venison dinner to forty invited male guests, using the deer he shot. Mr. Clarence Knowles cooked it perfectly and the Choir of the Orleans Methodist Church served the supper. The few that didn't show up certainly missed something. The speaker of the evening was Rev. Pat O'Connell of Boston University who was enjoyed by all.

The annual Christmas Tree exercises were held at the Town Hall with a large gathering; in fact, the largest in four or five years. After a fine entertainment by the School, under the leadership of Principal Nickerson, Santa Claus (Ralph Chase) came down the chimney and through the fireplace, met all the young children and distributed the usual well-filled bags and presents.

The price of turnips is now $2.75 per 50 lbs. wholesale.

Saturday Nights at the Town Hall are well attended by the teen agers and all seem to enjoy themselves. On the Saturday before New Years a special New Years party was held.

Clyde Wilson put something over on us for we found out when he was home on furlough that he was married. Blessings on Thee!

The following boys have been seen home: Lt. Fenton Sparrow from Florida, Flight Officer Kenneth Mayo, A/c Walter Eldredge from Alabama, Wendell Hopkins S2/c from Maryland, Robert Pearson S2/c from Boston, Howard Brower S2/c SS. W. Ranger, Leonard Tarvers B.M. /c from Cuttyhunk, and Cpl. Louie A. Benner, B-29 Base, Kansas.

The Orleans High School Basket Ball Team has started on its schedule. The boys lost the first game to Barnstable by one point, but won the next with Harwich. The Wilcox boys and George Norgeot are the stars. The girls are in hopes of making a good

showing.

The rumbling of Town Meeting and Election is in the air. Ralph A. Chase is running for Moderator as Foster this year is seeking a Constable position. The contests are between Harold L. Arnold and Mrs. Catherine Moore on the School Committee; Mr. Grozier and Ernest Moore as Tree Warden, and Harold Whitford and Mrs. Minnie Brewer as Library Trustee.

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Vol. 2 No. 3 Feb. 10, 1945.
Eastham, Massachusetts

Dear Serviceman:

Town Meeting, which lasted only about three hours, is over. With Al. Stowell, chairman and secretary of the Finance Committee, explaining its recommendations and Foster Atwood as Moderator, articles moved right along. It was voted to take the south side of the Salt Pond; the pay for town labor was raised to 70¢ per hour; the Selectmen were given a raise of $200.00 each, and the Town Accountant $150.00.

In the Election on the day following Town Meeting Mrs. Minnie Brewer was elected as Trustee of the Library, Mrs. Katherine Moore on the School Committee, and Mr. John Grozier as Tree Warden.

With Town Meeting over and the tom cats ceasing their midnight yowls, we know January has passed, but we understand the "wolves" are still on the prowl.

For the past month we have had plenty of cold and wind, but most of the storms have been rain here. Above the Canal, it is a different story with an abundance of snow. The Bay has been frozen over the last three weeks, but the bad easterly storm we had last Thursday blew most of the ice over to Plymouth. The kids have had some chance to exercise their skates, and Tom Brown cut eleven inch ice on the pond back of the Library to fill some orders last week.

Every day the sun shines there is a feeling of spring in the air. Sim Smith and Phil Schwind have been busy eeling through the ice on the Salt Pond, also Capt. Walker and Howard have had good eeling on the Cove. The last few week-ends there were seen several out of town men fishing through the ice on the ponds, and Maurice Gill caught a pickerel that weighed a few ounces short of six pounds.

Janet (Fulcher) Westergard and Mary (King) Steele are crooning to new daughters.

The State Guard has been given the Gate. Anyone could have stayed in by going to Harwich to drill in a Motor Corp. Guess politics got in its work. Lt. Everett Young is trying to get all the issued clothes together. Don't think Sgts. John Fulcher or Jim Knowles ever missed a drill night.

Hermie Dill is busy trying to keep the cars going for the duration, while cans of Navy Rations he finds on the shore keep him going. Last week he was skimming over the ice in his ice boat on Great Pond.

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Vol. 2 No. 4 Eastham, Massachusetts Mar. 10, 1945.

Dear Serviceman:

The Red Winged Black Birds have arrived, and the feel of spring is in the air on some days now. The fields that are planted to rye are looking green, and by the time you receive this letter the buds on the Mayflowers should be ready to burst, also the first Herring caught in the brook. The ice has left the Bay and the ponds; the frost is out of the ground, and some plowing has been done.

Ray Brackett is the only one who has any amount of turnips left, and price is still $3.50 per 50 lbs.

The Navy is surely doing things at Camp Wellfleet. By the number of bulldozers and sand scoops that have been taken down there, the face of the ground should look quite changed.

If the activity at Fred Turner's Boat Shop and at Bonnell's Boat Yard means anything, there will be a large fleet of sea clam draggers at Rock Harbor this year.

Phil Schwind has fixed over his shop and is going into the fish business this summer, with equipment and bait for sale and to rent.

Several arrived to-day to look their cottages over.

Cpl. T/5 Charles Atwood Jr. arrived home to-day for a rest and furlough as he came back from a hospital in England. Sgt. Jesse Daniels is in this country and is expected home any day. He has been gone over four years; thirty-seven months of it spent in the South Pacific. Cpl. Albion Rich Jr. is in a hospital in Oregon, after arriving from the South Pacific.

Robert Deschamps S 1/c has finished his schooling and is now on the U. S. S. Antietam. Ensign William Watson has gone to California for duty.

A/C Robert Hayes is also home on furlough from Alabama. Pfc. Antone Escobar has arrived in France. William Hayes reports for examination on the 12th.

On Feb. 26th there was a bang at the Town Hall. There was a delayed spark and the oil burner exploded, blowing the doors off the heater and filling the building with soot. The Smith Bros. soon had things under control, however. Tony Escobar was working near the heater and received quite a scare.

The State Guard had its second anniversary the 22nd. The Women's Auxillary served a chicken pie supper in the High School lunch room which was very nice. All the big shots of the district were there with Captain Warren Clark who formed the Guard, home on furlough from the Army. Sgts. Sidney Watson and John Fulcher have never missed a roll call in the two years.

The Coast Guard Auxillary is still on the job, but would like more recruits.

The Civilian Defense Center has been closed. It was one of the very few that had maintained a 24 hour watch.

With the dimout over and the shields off the street lights Orleans Square looks like old times.

The women of the Red Cross who meet at the School House had an all day meeting last week with a lunch of clam chowder and salads.

Town Meeting's over and everything is quiet. For those that may be interested the following list is given: George Howard, Chairman of Board of Welfare; Maurice W. Wiley, Chairman of the following boards: Selectmen, Assessors, and Health; Edward Penniman Clerk.

The Orleans High Basket-Ball Team has not had a real succesful season, but it has been drawing good crowds. In the game with the Champion P'Town team it more than held its own until the last quarter. Then its wind and courage deserted when the team lost two first string players through fouls.

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Vol. 2 No. 5 Apr. 13, 1945.

Eastham, Massachusetts

Dear Serviceman:

IN MEMORY OF YOUR

COMMANDER AND CHIEF

It has been a beautiful spring month. March which came in like a lamb, and went out as such, has passed on. April is doing nearly as well. Mayflowers are in bloom, but either the dry summer last year or the salt from the hurricane injured them quite a bit. The pee winks have been singing their mighty anvil chorus, but no report on the catching of any herring yet.

Brad Steele and several others are working at the fish cannery in Barnstable.

Rock Harbor surely looks like busy times with all the Shellfish Draggers in the water now. There are 25 boats fishing out of there at this time.

On the 21st the Coast Guard Temporary Reserve held an invitation meeting in the High School Auditorium which was well attended. Invasion pictures were shown; speeches were made by those with plenty of braid, also by three servicemen who told of their experiences -- a Marine, a Coastguard, and a Navy Man.

The churches were well attended Easter Sunday, and several persons joined the church here and in Orleans. Easter night the Community Choir put on a cantata in the Woman's Club rooms at Orleans.

Sgt. Red Lee's mother has received a large German flag from him which is from the first German city captured by the Americans. The name Roetegen and official number appears upon it.

Nate and Mrs. Nickerson have announced the engagement of their daughter Norma to a Navy boy, who is a minister's son.

T/5 Charlie Atwood, Sgt. Jesse Daniels and Howard Brewer S1/c have enjoyed long furloughs. Also Sgt. William Steele and bride have been here on a furlough and trip.

Bill Hayes went into the service on the 6th. Bill Sturtevant and Martin Reimers passed their physicals on the 9th.

Brad had open house for his Father, Bill Steele, who was 90 years old and going strong. No reason why he wont plant and care for his garden, also pick huckle berries again this year. Brad has a good sized boat in his back yard into which he is putting a keel.

Ralph Rogers has received a service bar with three gold Vs on it for his faithful service the past three years on the Rationing Board. After all the abuse he and his cohorts have taken he and they deserve something.

Clarence Walker has bought Joe Oliver's house opposite the North Eastham Post Odfice.

Muriel (Penniman) Todd has bought John Rogers's little house in the orchard.

Jim Knowles was called into the service on the 6th, and Ray Perrault of Orleans went the same day. Franklin Ryder went last month.

The women who have been busy and faithful making bandages, under the Red Cross at the School every Friday, were releived of their duties about two months ago. Most of them have been attending a class in upholstery at the Town Hall the past week.

The Basket Ball Team at Orleans High is making a very poor showing this year as they have won but one game so far. Sorry to say so, but the girls don't seem to do much better.

Camp Wellfleet has come to life as the Navy has taken it over. They are using it for high bombing, radar, and night fighter-practice. The officers are trying hard to find homes to rent for their families. Henry Clark is working down there digging out the bombs to be used again as they are duds and go into the ground from six to ten feet.

Turnips are $3.50 for 50 lbs. on the Providence market.

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Vol. 2 No. 6. May 12, 1945

Dear Serviceman:

It was with a spirit of thanksgiving that everyone received the belated news, after many false reports, of the surrender of the Germans, but not the end of hostilities in Europe.

Orleans had planned a parade but the showers dampened what little enthusiasm any marchers may have had to celebrate at this time.

After a beautiful stretch of weather in March and the first part of April, we have had heavy gales, rain and cold. The gardens made a good start but are behind now.

Services were held in the school for the late president. Principal Otto Nickerson had a fine program and the Rev. H. L. Arnold offered a prayer and spoke.

A large liberty ship of some description, about 400 ft. long has been run aground between the west shore and Billingsgate Is. Its to be used as bombing target by the Navy.

There is plenty of activity at Camp Wellfleet now. The night flyers are busy nearly every night.

The kids are chasing the Herring up and down the brook as several of you used to do, and also the pee winks' voices are changing to a deep bass.

The Bass have struck and the best fishing seems to be at the Herrin Brook. Several Bass weighing from five to twenty five pounds have bee caught.

Quohaugs are bringing the unheard of price of three dollars and fifty cents a bushel, at the dock.

Fred and Esther (Knowles) Turner have a bouncing Freddie junior now.

Mr. Edward Penniman died suddenly after serving the town for over twenty one years as selectman.

Mrs. Tamson Addie Nickerson passed away after a long illness also. She was former postmistress at Eastham.

The terrific hurricane damage to the trees and shrubs is beginning to show now. There is several hundred dead or nearly dead shade trees on the Cape, cuased by the hurricane.

The storm came about two weeks early last fall, as the leaves were not ready to fall.

Harold L. Arnold, Sec'y. E.V.F.A.

Myrtle C. Wiley, Master of the Grange.

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Vol. 2. No. 7. June 15th, 1945

Dear Serviceman:

We are sorry that the letters are late getting off. Mr. Arnold has changed his work and with illness in the family was unable to set the type. It is not that we have forgotten you nor intend to let you down.

Mr. Arnold is now Supt. of the Orleans Cemetery.

The graduations are over. The Eastham Grammar School graduation class was small this year. Only seven girls and sixteen boys graduated from Orleans High.

Kenneth Jennings and Robert Rose were home on furloggh to get their diplomas.

We are having summer weather at last and the gardens have a new lease on life.

The Bass have stopped biting at present. Flounder fishing in the cove and off the beach at Nauset is good.

The "bares" have taken over the beaches.

The pond lillies are in full bloom. The road side has been white with the beach plum blossom. With the cold weather it looks as if the beach plum crop would be samll.

Norma Nickerson graduated from high school on the 14th and was married on the 15ht, (fast work), to a Navy man stationed at Camp Wellfleet. They had a pretty wedding in the Orleans Meth. Chruch.

Sgt. Jesse Daniels has been discharged forom the service, with 120 points.

Several of the trees that it was thought to be dead have come to life somewhat. They have put out shoots from the main limbs.

Last year the Gypsy moths ate upx all the leaves and died of starvation. This year very few have been found.

Quite a few are raising pigs this year and a few have bought Western steers to kill this fall.

There seems to be interest in the coming election to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Pennimanx. Harry S. Young and Luther Smith are the candidates.

Joe Dill died on the 12th after a long illness.

Wendell Hopkins S 1/c has been shipped to the West Coast.

Paul Knowles S 1/c took as his bride a young lady from Achushnet. They had a church wedding with all the fixings.

Alfred Nickerson of Orleans has purchased the Old Ryder HOMe, in So. Eastham.

Harold L. Arnold, Secy. E.V.F.A.

DMB/MW Myrtle C. Wiley

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Eastham, Massachusetts
VOL. 2 NO. 8 JULY 13, 1945

DEAR SERVICEMAN:

SUMMER IS HERE WITH ITS HUSTLE AND BUSTLE. THE CARS ARE FLYING UP AND DOWN THE HIGHWAY FROM EVERY STATE IN THE UNION. THAT EXTRA LITTLE GAS ON THE A CARDS SURELY HAS SOME MILEAGE IN IT.

ON JUNE 26-27 THE HURRICANE FROM FLORIDA ARRIVED WITH HEAVY WIND AND RAIN. IT LIKED THE CAPE SO WELL THAT IT GOT STALLED OFF SHORE UNTIL IT BLEW ITSELF OUT. THE WIND ACCOMPANYING THE STORM WAS FROM THE N.E. THE GARDENS GOT A BAD WHIPPING AND MANY SMALL NESTING BIRDS WERE KILLED.

THE LADIES AID OF BOTH CHURCHES HAVE HELD THEIR SUMMER SALES. THE TABLES OF THOSE LUCIOUS FROSTED CAKES ARE A THING OF THE PAST AND FUTURE. YOU SEE ONE NOW AND THEN WITH A THIN COAT THOUGH.

THE OUTCOME OF THE ELECTION FOR SELECTMEN AND ETC. WAS AS FOLLOWS..... LUTHER P. SMITH, 106 VOTES, HARRY S. YOUNG 90 VOTES.

GRACE CLARK AND JACK SCHWARTZ WERE JOINED IN HOLY WED LOCK IN MAY.

ARTHUR /JAZZIE/ NICKERSON, M.M. 1/C AND WIFE HAVE A LITTLE JAZZERINE NOW.

THE FOLLOWING BOYS HAVE BEEN HOME, PVT. RICHARD BREWER FROM GERMANY, PVT. JAMES KNOWLES FROM GA. SGT. LLOYD MAYO FROM KY. GEO. KING FROM EUROPE, M.O. 1/C, GEO. NICKERSON, M.M. 1/C FROM NEW FOUNDLAND, AND CHARLIE ATWOOD WHO HAS RECEIVED HIS MED. DISCHARGE, SGT. BRAD STEELE IS IN INDIA.

LUTHER ELDREDGE HAS JOINED THE NAVY. LT. BARBARA PRINCE, U.S.M.C.W.C.R. WAS HERE FROM WASHINGTON.

LONNIE /SPEED/ GILL IS DRIVING THE NAVY BUS FROM CAMP WELLFLEET TO ORLEANS.

SOME OF THE ROADS IN THE NORTH PART OF TOWN ARE HAVING A NEW SURFACE.

THE GREEN HEAD SQUADRON HAS ARRIVED AND THE WOOD TICKS AREHAVING A GOOD SEASON.

NAUSET LIGHT IS BACK WITH ITS BRIGHT FLASH. IT HAS BEEN DIM SINCE THE SINKING OFF THE CAPE TWO YEARS AGO.

FOURTH OF JULY CAME AND PASSED WITHOUT A SOUND OF A FIRE CRACKER.

MEMORIAL DAY WAS CELEBRATED AS USUAL. THE COAST GUARD TEMPORARY RESERVES MADE THEIR LAST PUBLIC APPEARANCE.

IT LOOKS LIKE THE WEST WHEN ONE PASSES THROUGH E. BREWSTER. THERE ARE AT LEAST 8 OR 9 HERFORD STEERS IN A FIELD THERE.

THE TAYLOR BROS. HAVE GIVEN UP THEIR JOBS AT THE FIRST NAT. STORE. THEIR NERVES COULD'NT STAND IT ANY LONGER, THE LINES FORM FOR MEAT TWICE A WEEK.

A SMALL ALLIGATOR THAT BUD CUMMINGS BROUGHT HOME FROM FLORIDA 8 OR 9 YEARS AGO AND THEY THOUGHT WAS DEAD HAS BEEN SEEN IN THEIR SWAMP BACK OF THEIR HOUSE THIS PAST WEEK, /FLORIDA PLEASE NOTICE/.

MYRTLE C. WILEY, MASTER OF THE EASTHAM GRANGE
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VOL. 2, NO. 9 AUG. 10, 1945

DEAR SERVICEMAN:

SUMMER IS WHIZZING BY AND THOSE THAT ARE IN ANY KIND OF BUSINESS ARE DOING WELL, IN A WHIRL. ALL COTTAGES ARE FILLED AND THE OVER NIGHT CAMPS ARE DOING A GOOD BUSINESS.

THE VACATIONERS ARE WEARRING A GOOD COAT OF TAN AND THAT IS ABOUT ALL.

THE WOOD TICKS AND GREEN HEADS ARE BOWING OUT AFTER A PROFITABLE SEASON.

THE TURNIPS CROP HAS BEEN PLNATED AND THE FARMERS ARE BUSY THINNING THEM OUT.

JULY WAS VERY HUMID AND FOGGY BUT LITTLE RAIN. THIS WEEK WE GOT A GOOD SOAKING RAIN. THE VICTORY GARDENS HAVE BEEN READY TO SHOW THE WHITE FLAG SEVERAL TIMES.

MRS. CARRIE /WILLIAM/ FORREST DIED THIS PAST MONTH. ALSO IRWIN MCKOY.

DONT BELIEVE WE EVER MENTIONED THAT HORTON AND GILL /WELLFLEET MARKET/ CLOSED UP THIS SPRING AFTER BEING IN BUSINESS SEVERAL YEARS. FRED GILL IS WORKING FOR COFFIN WHO INSTALLS ELECTRIC POLES, AND LINES.

GEO. WILEY IS WORKING AT THE TRADING POST IN WELLFLEET.

OLIVE SMITH HAS SOLD HER HOME TO A NAVY LT. THAT WAS STATIONED AT CAMP WELLFEEET.

THE OLD JOHN WALKER PLACE HAS BEEN SOLD AND IS BEING REJUVENATED.

THE CAPE COD FLORAL SUPPLY CO. /BRACKETT STORE/ IS RADIANT WITH ITS WHITE TRIM AND DARK RED BODY. DR. WILLIAM KNOWLES' HOUSE /CHAS. HOPKINS/ ALSO LOOKS FINE WITH ITS NEW SHINGLES AND COAT OF WHITE.

BASS HAVE STARTED BITING AGAIN. SEVERAL LARGE ONES HAVE BEEN CAUGHT AT NAUSET.

A WELCOME SIGN HAS BEEN PLACED AT EACH END OF THE TOWN.

BOYS HOME FOR FURLOUGHS ARE...S/SGT. CARLETON MAYO FROM GERMANY, CPL. ROB SCRIVENS, FROM GERMANY, AND HAS HIS INTENDED WITH HIM FROM NEW YORK, S/SGT. BOB VIDLER FROM CHINA IS IN THE COUNTRY. CPL. EDWARD CLARK OF THE 1ST DIVISION IS HOME AND EXPECTS TO GET HIS RELEASE AT ONCE.

SGT. LOUIE BENNER FROM NEB. WAS HOME AND HE IS NOW TOP GUNNER ON A B-29 AND EXPECTS TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY ANY DAY.

WILLIAM STURTEVANT RECEIVED THE NOD FROM UNCLE SAM AND LEFT WITH A GROUP THIS MORNING. PVT. JAMES KNOWLES, P.F.C. HENRY NICKERSON, WENDELL HOPKINS, SEA. 1/C NOW HAVE SO. PACIFIC ADDRESSES.

THE SALT POND IS A POPULAR BATHING PLACE THIS SUMMER.

THE SEA WEED IS RETURNING AFTER AND ABSENCE OF SEVERAL YEARS. THIS WILL B GREAT BENEFIT TO THE FISH LIFE.

IT WAS WITH AWE AND A SHUDDER THAT WE RECEIVED WORD OF THE POWER OF THE ATOMIC BOMB.

MYRTLE WILEY, MASTER OF THE EASTHAM GRANGE
H. L. ARNOLD, SEC. OF E.V.F.A.
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Eastham, Massachusetts

VOL. 10 SEPT. 12, 1945

DEAR SERVICEMAN:

V-J DAY ARRIVED WITH ITS FALSE EXCITEMENT FOR MANY, FOR SOME IT WAS ANOTHER EXCUSE TO GET DRUNK, BUT THOSE WHO HAD LOST A LOVED ONE OR MORE IT WAS A DAY THAT THEY THANKED GOD THAT IT WAS OVER BEFORE ANY MORE HAD TO SHARE THE SAME SORROW THAT THEY EXPERIENCED.

TO THOSE OF YOU IN THE SERVICE IT MEANT THE BEGINNING OF THE ROAD BACK HOME WHICH WE HOPE WILL NOT BE VERY LONG.

LEWIS ELDREDGE AND HIS BROTHER KENNETH HAVE RECEIVED THEIR DISCHARGES AND ARE BACK IN THE HARNESS WHERE THEY LEFT OFF.

WE ARE HAVING REAL SUMMER WEATHER. WITH GAS RATIONING OFF, SEVERAL PEOPLE WHO HAVE NOT BEEN DOWN FOR 3 OR 4 YEARS ARE BACK WITH THEIR CARS.

LABOR DAY WAS THE SIGNAL FOR MANY TO RETURN HOME.

THE BOYS ARE LOOKING WITH LONGING EYES AT LIL BAKER'S POND. THERE ARE ABOUT 150 DUCKS THAT SPEND THE NIGHT THERE.

SHIRLEY /NICKERSON/ WILLIAMS HAS A BOUNCING DAUGHTER TO KEEP HER BUSY.

THOSE THAT HAVE BEEN AWAY ON DEFENSE WORK ARE GRADUALLY COMING BACK.

THE METH. CHURCH IS RECEIVING A COAT OF PAINT ON THE TRIM NOW AND REALLY LOOKS NEAT.

THE LADIES AID OF THE UNIVERSALIST CHURCH PUT ON ONE OF THEIR FINE SUPPERS ON THE 26TH.

MERTON GILL AND RUSSELL WILEY WERE CALLED FOR EXAMINATION BUT WERE TURNED DOWN, MUCH TO RUSSELL'S DISGUST.

THE TURNIP CROP IS BEGINNING TO SHOW THE WANT OF RAIN.

A FAMILY HAS MOVED INTO FRANK KING'S FORMER HOME.

THE BEACH PLUM CROP WAS A TOTAL FAILURE, BUT THE CRANBERRY CROP IS VERY GOOD.

THE CHILDREN ARE BACK AT SCHOOL AND THEY ARE FORTUNATE IN HAVING THE SAME CORP OF TEACHERS IN THE LOWER GRADES BUT IN THE STAFF AT ORLEANS SEVERAL CHANGES HAVE BEEN MADE, ONE IN THE ENGLISH DEPARTMENT AND ONE IN THE PHYSICS AND CHEMISTRY DEPARTMENT.

REAL ESTATE IS STILL CHANGING HANDS, MANY PLACES WILL BE BUILT AS SOON AS LUMBER CAN BE PURCHASED.

LT. COM. JOHN CROSBY AND FAMILY HAVE ARRIVED FROM CALIF. FOR A VISIT. HE HAS RECEIVED HIS DISCHARGE.

MYRTLE C. WILEY, MASTER OF EASTHAM, GRANGE
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VOL. NO. 21 NO. 11 OCT. 10, 1945

DEAR SERVICEMAN:

SEPT. PASSED WITH PERFECT SUMMER WEATHER AND OCT. IS DOING HER PART. WE HAVE A COOL DAY NOW AND THEN. HAD ONE LIGHT FROST IN THE LOW SPOTS. NOT ENOUGH RAIN TO HELP THE TURNIP CROP YET. THEY NEVER LOOKED SO BAD AT THIS TIME OF YEAR.

WITH THE GOOD WEATHER THE FISHERMEN AT ROCK HARBOR ARE PROSPEROUS. THEY ARE EITHER DRAGGING FOR SEA CLAMS OR QUOHAUGS. SCALLOPS ARE VERY SCARCE FROM CHATHAM DOWN. WELLFLEET WAS EXPECTING A CROP AFTER LAST YEAR'S FAILURE.

SEVERAL MORE BOYS HAVE CAUGHT THE CANARY OR HOPE TO GRAB IT BY THE TAIL FEATHERS SOON. LLOYD MAYO, BERNARD COLLINS JR., CHAS CAMPBELL, EDDIE CLARK, ELMER LLOYD, JOHN PAUL AND EARL YOUNGREN ARE SOME OF THE LUCKY ONES. YOUNGREN IS WORKING AT COLLINS' SHELLFISH PLANT.

BILL FORREST AND NATE CLARK ARE IN THE GROOVE GATHERING UP THE KIDS FROM SCHOOL EVERY MORNING AND NIGHT.

FRANKLIN EMONDS HAS ENLISTED IN THE NAVY AND BEEN CALLED. PRINCE HURD JR. EXPECTS TO GO WITHIN A MONTH.

THE BASS FISHERMEN HAVE BEEN HAVING GOOD LUCK AT NAUSET LIGHT. A FRIEND OF CHARLIE ACORN'S CAUGHT ONE THAT WEIGHED 52 1/2 LBS. SOME CAUGHT CASES OF GOOD HAMS THAT THE NAVY CAST OVERBOARD. WHEN THE WORD GOT OUT, WALKING THE BEACH BECAME VERY POPULAR.

SEVERAL ENJOYED BAKED HAM WITHOUT POINTS, KEEP TOSSING THEM OUT, BOYS.

THE YOUTH CENTER IS GETTING BACK INTO STRIDE WITH THE FALL COMING.

THE WIND MILL SPA HAS RECEIVED A COAT OF WHITE PAINT. THE OLD RYDER HOUSE HAS HAD ITS COMPLEXION CHANGED FROM DARK TO BLONDE ALSO.

WITH BUILDING RESTRICTIONS OFF EVERYONE WANTS TO BUILD OR REPAIR. LUMBER AND CARPENTERS ARE AT A PREMIEUM. NICKERSON LUMBER HAS BEEN ADVERTISING FOR EXTRA HELP.

THE BOYS ARE STRETCHING THEIR GUN BARRELS, GETTING READY FOR THE DUCK SEASON.

SEVERAL YOUNG PHEASANTS THAT WERE LIBERATED THIS SPRING HAVE BEEN SEEN AROUND.

''MERCHANT'' STOWELL HAS RETURNED FROM HIS ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO THE WORLD SERIES.

ANOTHER CHANGE HAS STRUCK THIS PART OF THE CAPE...GOING TO ORLEANS SAT. NIGHT TO SHOP AND GOSSIP WITH YOUR FRIENDS WAS A POPULAR TRIP. BUT NOW VERY FEW STORES ARE OPEN SAT. NIGHT.

MYRTLE C. WILEY, MASTER OF EASTHAM GRANGE
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MAURICE W. WILEY, REPORTER

Eastham, Mass.
May 1, 1955.

HOME TOWN BY-LINES:

No.1

Hi, Serviceman:

During World War II a monthly news letter, called Flashes from Nauset was sent to all those in the service. Ever since the Korean War began we have been trying to get started sending the letters again, to keep you posted on what is happening in and around the Town. We also want to say that we will be pleased to hear from you anytime.

After a cold, wet winter April didn't behave any better. There have been only a few warm, sunny days, and all of the small swamp holes are filled with water. Most of them have a pair or two of wild ducks who will raise their families there.

Two hundred bushels of Oysters have been planted in the Salt Pond and people are eagerly awaiting 'opening' day there.

Quite a lot of building is going on and everyone is busy getting their cottages and cabins ready for the summer tourist rush. Some of the Rock Harbor Striper fleet is already prepared for party fishing.

It looks as if Eastham will have a good ball team this year. Bill McCray is manager, and some of the other Orleans players came along with him, Johnnie Linnell being one of them. They have had some practice when weather permitted. Buddy Moulton, who is now out of the service, has been trying out for the team.

The new addition of school rooms and auditorium is nearly completed, and the contract for grading the grounds will soon be let.

Many of you will not recognize the road to the Light House. This past winter it has been widened and the roller-coaster effect eliminated. There is quite a change in the scenery as you come down the hill toward Howard Johnsons too. Del Johnson, Jr., has built a large motel with 26 units across the street, next to the Herbery.

On April 28 the Boy Scouts had their Charter night and received awards. George Duffy, Jr., is now the Scout Leader. The boys are fortunate to have someone like him who is willing to give his time to their cause. There is also a large Cub Pack under the leadership of LeRoy Babbitt and a group of Den Mothers. Time surely flies, as it wasn't too many years ago that several of you were going through the same activities. Incidentally, Jay Brackett is now a Star Scout.

The Jr. WSCS of the Methodist Church put on one of the best amateur shows seen in this area in a long time, on April 16, and it is rumored they will repeat it this summer for the entertainment of summer visitor Also, the Athletic Ass'n. has Square Dances the 1st Saturday of each month.
Enclosed is a list of your fellow servicemen.

Your Reporter,
MAURICE W. WILEY.

Dear Servicemen:

The Principal of our school asked me to write to you boys in the service and tell you what we do in our little school down in Eastham, Cape Cod. We have around 47 children in our school this year. The grades run from the first up to the eighth grade. Besides our regular lessons we have instumental music. We really have a swell orchestra. Our orchestra is so well advanced we play for our own graduations. We also have 4-H. In 4-H we have Conservation, Handicraft, Sewing and Cooking. We like 4-H very much. There are three recesses a day and most all of us play base-ball, and basket-ball. The boys and girls are always having arguments as to who is going to have the largest base-ball field. So far the girls have won out, as you know girls always do. Ha! Ha! Five of us girls graduate this year on June 13th. It is rather unusual to have a graduating class with out any boys in it. We are having our program based upon historical women. Another big event that happens at school is our exhibition on April 27th. I guess I've told just about all that goes on in and around our school so we'll close, for now.

Sincerely yours,

Jane Atwood,

Sec. of Class, 45.

The servicemen's wives put on a Pop Concert in the Orleans High School Auditorium for the benefit of the Red Cross which was well attended, and the program was very good. These wives also take charge of the young children here at the Town Hall on the first and third Friday of every month.

Al. Stowell and wife have returned from their trip to the West Coast of Mexico. They have sold their new home since their return.

The demand for houses is still great.

The Ladies Aid Society serve a supper at the Methodist Church on the 20th.

The Whist Party sponsored by the E. V. F. A. for the benefit of the Red Cross March 14th netted $34.00, and the parties March 28th and April 11th realized a like amount which will be handy when the Association furnishes the old schoolhouse, as it is now incorporated and deed is being passed.

Harold L. Arnold Sec'y. E.V.F.A.

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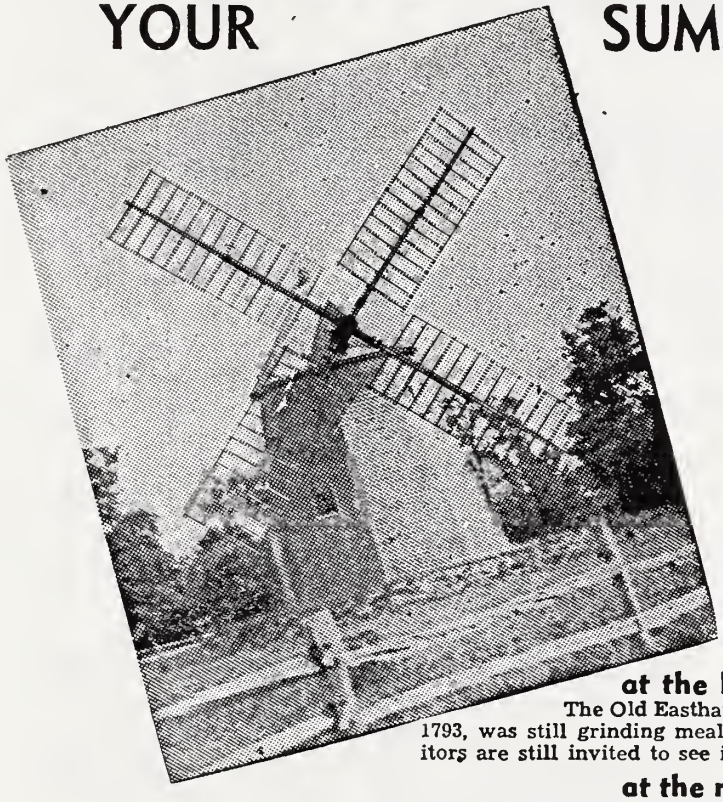
YOUR SUMMER PLAYGROUND



at the left—
The Old Eastham Mill, built in 1793, was still grinding meal until the war started. Visitors are still invited to see it.

at the right—
Tablet erected on a high dune just off First Encounter Beach to designate the site of the first encounter between the Pilgrims and the Indians.

Eastham was settled 300 years ago this year—1644. It was then known as Nauset and included what is now Truro, Wellfleet, Orleans, and part of Harwich. The Town was incorporated as Eastham in 1651. The original settlers consisted of seven families totalling 49 persons who migrated from Plymouth in 1644.

EASTHAM IS FAMOUS FOR ITS BEACHES

Surrounded on two sides by the sea, on the east by the turbulent Atlantic—on the west by Cape Cod Bay—Eastham offers you choice of swimming in the surf or the warm, quieter waters of the Bay.

1ST ENCOUNTER BEACH
THUMPERTOWN BEACH

CAMP GROUND BEACH
SUNKEN MEADOW BEACH

NAUSET LIGHT BEACH
Nauset Coast Guard Beach

Fishing . . .
Cast your line into the surf at Nauset or bend your rod over double in the Bay. You'll find those sporty striped bass ready to strike wherever you cast.

Scenic . . .
Many scenic by-paths at Eastham lead to scenic splendors. The huge breakers at Nauset, or the quiet serenity of country roads. Plenty of old Cape houses, too.

Accommodations . . .
You'll find a friendly host or hostess wherever you stay in Eastham—with comfortable, clean quarters and a willingness to serve you. Not far are the stores, the churches, the movies. Boats and bicycles to rent.

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Dear Serviceman:

We are sorgy that the letters are late getting off. Mr. Arnold has changed his work and with illness in the family was unable to set the type. It is not that we have forgotten you or intend to let you down.

Mr. Arnold is now Supt. of the Orlenas Cemetery.

The gradutations are over. The Eastham Grammar School graduation class was small this year. Only seven girls a d sixteen boys graduated from high school.

Kenneth Jennings and Robert Rose were ome on furlough to get thier diplomas.

We are having summer weather at last and the gardnes have a new lease on life.

The Bass have stopped biting at present. Flounder fisning in the gove and off Nauset beach is good.

The "bares" have taken over the beaches.

The pond lillies are in full bloom. The road side has been white with the beach plum blossom. With the cold weather it looks as if the beach plum dorp would be small.

Norma Nickerson graduated form high school on the 14th and was married on the 15th, (fast work,) to a Navy man stationed at Camp Wellfleet. They had a pretty wedding in the Orleans Meth Church.

Sgt. Jesse Daniels has been discharged form the service. With a 120 points.

Several of the trees that it was thought to be dead have come to life somewhat. They have put out shoots form the main limbs.

Last year the G psy moths ate up all the leaves and died of starvation. This year very few have been found.

Quite a few are raising pigs this year. and a few have bought Western steers to kill this fall.

There seems to be interest in the coming election to fill the vacnacy caused by the death of Mr. Penniman. Harry S. Young and Luther Smith are the dandi ates.

Joe Dill died on the 12th after a long illness.

Wendell Hopkins S 1/c has been shipped to the West Coast.

Paul Knowles S 1/c took as his bride a young lady form Achushnet.

Alfred Nickerson of Orlean s has purc ased the Old Ryder Home, in So. Eastham.

Harold L. Arnold, Sec'y. E.V.F.A.

Myrtle C. Wiley, Master of the Grange.